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Possible Requirement to Reposition Flt 6

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1. , CGS message at Arch 1 addresses deadlines for decision on Flt 9 subpoint, which are requested to provide adequate time for planning satellite positioning activities. Specifically, if Flt 9's final subpoint is 70 degrees west, Flt 6 must be moved at least five degrees away from that location to avoid command and data link interference (RTI conjunction) between Flt 6 and Flt 9. The CGS proposal is to move Flt 6 to 65 degrees west at .5 degrees/day, beginning three days before Flt 9 launch. This will place Flt 6 at 65 degrees west O/A launch + 7 days, at which time most of the Flt 9 pre-handover testing is completed and will present least impact to testing, while Flt 6 is being stopped. Flt 9 will arrive at 70 degrees west on launch + 10 days (handover for operations day). In this deployment option, Flt 6 would remain at 65 degrees west until T + 30 days, at which time it would be moved toward 100 degrees west - its limited reserve satellite position.

2. In response to CGS request on repositioning Flt 6, the message at Arch 2 was sent to approve their planning actions.

3. Regarding the CGS request for a final Flt 9 subpoint decision by 13 Feb 81, this will be determined following our briefing to CINCPAC on 6 Feb and the CGS understands this as the situation. We are confident that a final subpoint determination will be made by 13 Feb 81.

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5. Approve the repositioning of Flt 6 to 65 degrees west, if final deployment of Flt 9 is to be 70 degrees west.

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2 Arch

1. CGS Msg (S), DTG 28/1920Z Jan 81
2. A/J-37D Response to CGS Msg, DTG 29/2230Z Jan 81

(No record of attachments.)